



COON RAPIDS PARKS AND RECREATION

SUBJECT

Coon Rapids Parks and Recreation Tobacco-Free Policy

POLICY STATEMENT

The City of Coon Rapids is committed to the quality of life for all residents, therefore, we believe that:

1. Tobacco product use in the proximity of children, youth and adults engaging in or watching recreational activities is unhealthy and detrimental to the health of others.
2. Tobacco products once consumed in public spaces are often discarded on the ground, thus posing a risk of ingestion to toddlers and causing a litter problem.
3. As parents, leaders, coaches, and officials we are thought of as role models, and the use of tobacco products around youth has a negative effect on their lifestyle choices.

TOBACCO-FREE FACILITIES

The City of Coon Rapids does not allow the use of tobacco products on city-owned parkland, park facilities, open space or joint city/school district properties, except at Bunker Hills golf course or within the confines of a vehicle in a designated parking area.

COMPLIANCE PROCEDURES

The emphasis on enforcing the Tobacco-Free park policy is through voluntary compliance:

1. Appropriate city-owned parkland, park facilities, open space or joint city/school district properties will be signed.
2. City of Coon Rapids staff will meet with activity organizations and/or leaders or coaches to discuss the policy and to distribute flyers with the “Tobacco Free” regulations.
3. City of Coon Rapids staff will make periodic observations of activity sites to monitor compliance.